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SUBJ: SIERRA LEONE RECOGNIZES PATRIOTIC FRONT

1. SIERRA LEONE FORMALLY RECOGNIZED THE PATRIOTIC FRONT OF JOSHUA NKOMO AND ROBERT MUGABE AS THE LEGITIMATE NATIONAL FORCE IN RHODESIA FOLLOWING TALKS BETWEEN PRESIDENTS STEVENS AND KAUNDA IN FREETOWN JANUARY 21-22. STEVENS COMMENDED THAT FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS FOR THEIR INITIATIVE, COURAGE AND DEDICATION TO THE CAUSE OF TOTAL LIBERATION AND SAID THAT SIERRA LEONE WAS PREPARED TO ADD ITS "WIDOW'S MITE" TO THE STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

2. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, KAUNDA SAID ZAPU AND ZANU TOGETHER CONSTITUTE THE FIGHTING FORCE IN ZIMBABWE AND THAT BOTH MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE SHOWED NO INTEREST IN VISITING THE FIGHTING MEN. THEREFORE, THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO RECOGNIZE THE ACTUAL FIGHTING FORCE. KAUNDA SAID THAT AS SOON AS ZIMBABWE BECOMES INDEPENDENT THE PEOPLE WOULD ELECT THEIR LEADERS AND DETERMINE THEIR OWN DESTINY WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. KAUNDA ALSO CALLED FOR CONTINUING SUPPORT
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TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF NAMIBIA AND AZANIA.

3. REPLYING TO NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS, KAUNDA SAID HE RECONCILED HIS PHILOSOPHY OF HUMANISM WITH ARMED REVOLUTION BECAUSE "HUMANISM IS A PATH TOWARDS MAN'S PERFECTABILITY. THEREFORE ALL OBSTACLES ON THE ROAD TO PERFECTABILITY MUST BE REMOVED." HE ALSO SAID THE REASON WHY THE REST OF AFRICA WAS NOT GETTING

SUFFICIENT NEWS OF THE SUCCESSES OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT
WAS "THAT THE MASS MEDIA IS CONTROLLED BY THE WESTERN POWERS,
WHO FAVOR WHITE SUPREMACY."
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